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Police News

Police Chief Jim Williams has been informed by the FBI in Baltimore that they believe the safe-crackers responsible for the GCS food store robbery have been apprehended in Baltimore. Two men were picked up on suspicion of breaking and entering and possessing burglar tools similar to the type responsible for a number of safe-cracking jobs in the area during the past year. The men are "professional" criminals and their "M.O." (modus operandi) made them likely suspects. Their records showed they had served time in Ind. where they are wanted for various crimes.

Complaints to the city police department included the phoning of citizens by unknown parties who fail to respond. Williams has been urging citizens to contact the phone company in this matter.

A reversal of form marked complaints this week also. Soap in the gas tank of a Greenbelt motorist required an expensive carburetor job to have the soap "cleaned out." In another reversal, a tree hit a car on Parkway, after high winds knocked its top branches down to the roof of a parked car.

The three teenage local boys recently apprehended in Texas and brought back to Greenbelt submitted a plea of guilty in Judge Small's court in Hyattsville last Tuesday. The boys were released on \$1000 bond each pending a pre-sentencing investigation. They will receive their sentence on Dec. 16.

Pratt Leads Squad To National Trophy

As a member of a four-man team of Marylanders, Donald Pratt, 17-G Ridge, captain of the Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad, helped to bring in a fourth-place trophy in a national competition in first-aid techniques. Official delegate from the Maryland Ambulance and Rescue Association to the convention of the International Rescue and First-Aid Association, Pratt competed with representatives from Baltimore, Brookline, and Jessup, against nine other teams. The Maryland team decided at the last moment to enter the competition. They had never before practiced together as a team.

"Our success certainly shows that the basic principles of first-aid must carry through," Pratt stated, "if a team who had never worked together before was able to win."

The first-aid contest was the feature event of the closing day of the convention, held from Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 13-15, in Jacksonville, Fla.

By mutual agreement, the four members of the Maryland team gave their newly won trophy to the Maryland Ambulance and Rescue Association, who will place it on display.

Fenton Honor Student

Charles E. Fenton, Jr., 7-A Plateau, a senior at the University of Maryland, has been awarded the Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship for the 1958-1959 year. This award is made to the senior having the highest cumulative average for a three year period in the field of Liberal Arts.

He has also been elected to membership in National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Only the highest ranking seniors and graduate students are eligible for election into this Fraternity. Fenton has also been elected to the Alpha Kappa Delta, a National Honor Society which promotes professional interest in sociology and recognizes outstanding achievement.

Lions Announce Plans For New Year's Dance

The annual New Year's Eve Dance, sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club, will again be held at the Greenbelt Armory on Wednesday, Dec. 31. This successful annual event is expected to attract 150 couples who will dance from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The dance committee, under the chairmanship of Lion Charles M. Cormack, is already at work completing final plans for the decorations and arrangements. In commenting on the plans for the dance, the chairman said, "It is the objective of the Lions Club to promote the highest grade entertainment possible on this festive occasion. An excellent orchestra has been engaged which will feature an outstanding vibraphone artist and will also provide vocal selections. Attractive decorations, noise makers, and hats will be furnished. Tables will be reserved for parties upon request. Tickets and requests for reservation of tables may be made to any member of the Lions Club. We cordially invite all residents and their friends to join with us in welcoming in 1959."

APOLOGIES

Two weeks ago we ran an advertisement for the Greenbelt Ten Pin Lanes, and naturally the printer made a mistake. (We never make mistakes, ourselves.) So, the following week, we ran another advertisement for the Greenbelt Ten Pin Lanes, in which we attempted to correct the mistake. But, of course, the printer made the same mistake again. So this week, we give up. The fact is, the Greenbelt Ten Pin Lanes has four lanes available for open play on Mondays from 9:15 p.m. to 12 midnight and ten lanes open for open play on Tuesday, Wednesday (same hours) and Friday, Saturday (12 noon to midnight) on Friday and 12 noon to closing on Saturday) and Sunday, (2 p.m. to closing.) We apologize for our printer and keep our fingers crossed.

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Post Office Hours

The following hours of window service available to the public during the 1958 Christmas mailing season, were announced by Postmaster Ed Kaighn.

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday, Dec. 8 to 23, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, Dec. 13 to 20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, Dec. 14 to 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik, GR. 4-6060

"Oh, mommy, it was wonderful!" I know my daughter's sentiments reflected the feelings of all the youngsters from the North End Drill Team who marched in Philadelphia's Thanksgiving parade. There were 29 in all who gathered at the school at 5:30 a.m. last Thursday morning. "Their faces lit up the darkened morning," said Mrs. Sonia Garin, who, along with other parents, braved the morning's freezing temperature to see the group off. Accompanied by the team's hard-working director, Joseph O'Loughlin, Sgt. Green, and several parents, the group left by chartered bus at 6 a.m. Upon their arrival in Philadelphia, they lined up in the No. 66 spot and did their fancy footwork for seven miles. Starved after their long hike, the group polished off a hot turkey dinner. (Thanks to donations from Co-op, the Fire Department, etc.) Then, with stomachs full, they went on a sightseeing tour conducted by O'Loughlin's former classmate, Tom Sanders. "I saw the Liberty Bell, the desk where the Declaration of Independence was signed, and learned all about Benjamin Franklin," my daughter told me. Twenty-nine tired, but very happy youngsters returned home at 7 p.m., and, as I hear it, were asleep by 7:30.

The Richard Ferrells, 13-U Ridge, have a new baby. Rebecca Ann was born on Oct. 21, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz.

Private and Mrs. Louis C. King, announce the birth of a son born Nov. 24, at Monroe Memorial Hospital, in Ocala, Fla. Michael Louis King weighed 7 lbs. 12½ oz. He is the couple's first child. Michael's mother is the former Jerriann Weber of Greenbelt. His grandparents are former Greenbelters. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Weber, and his great grandmother lives right here in Greenbelt. Mrs. Ina Stewart, 8-H Southway, who has just returned from a visit to Ocala. Private King is now stationed with the Marine Corps in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wynkoop, 15-R Laurel, are the proud parents of a son. John Richard was born on Nov. 26, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. He joins two sisters, Nancy Lee and Patty.

Our best wishes go to Randy Liston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donn C. Liston of the Greenbelt Ten Pin Lanes. Randy is recovering from an emergency appendectomy.

Birthday greetings to Sandy Jordan, 15-Laurel, who celebrated his fifth birthday last week.

Youth Center Elects

Last Saturday night officers were elected for the coming year at the Teen Club. Balloting was held during the dance with several close races. Elected were: President, Mike Barcus; Vice President, Kathy Fern; Secretary, Vicki Goldfaden; and Treasurer, Terry Murray.

Chairmen were also appointed for the following committees: Refreshment, Hospitality, Program, Decorating, and Clean Up.

Council Makes Initial Tentative Slash of \$6700 in New 1959 Budget

By Russ Greenbaum

Setting for themselves the formidable task of chopping down the 14-cent tax raise that would be imposed by the city manager's 1959 proposed budget, the members of the city council at its regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 1, grimly began searching the budget for non-essential items which could be eliminated or substantially reduced. The council tentatively has found about \$6700 worth and will continue its review tonight at 7:30 p.m.

If the council is to maintain the 1958 tax rate of \$1.574, it will need to cut more than \$13,000 from the budget. This situation exists even though the 1959 proposed budget of \$263,138 is only about \$2300 more than the 1958 council-approved budget, setting a tax rate of \$1.71. Moreover, the 1959 budget figure is nearly \$3000 less than what will be actually spent by the city in 1958.

City Manager Charles McDonald accomplished this reduction by not including such items as \$1000 for part-time summer clean-up help, \$2500 to subsidize the rent of the firehouse for the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad, and \$500 for Fourth of July fireworks.

None of this was in the 1958 approved budget but was later spent by the council by drawing on surplus or funds not used elsewhere.

Furthermore, the manager's budget does not now contain any of the recommended capital improvements, such as the joining of Lakewood's Greenhill rd. with Hillside, playground improvements, or the construction of a lake shelter and restrooms. Proposed pay raises for city employees have also been omitted, although it is generally agreed that a raise is warranted particularly since federal government employees recently received an increase. Finally, there are other items left out by the city manager which city department heads feel are needed for the efficient operation of the city, such as funds for a thorough and complete audit of the city's accounts.

The primary cause for the city's dilemma is that this is the first budget to take into account realistically the annual losses from the operation of the swimming pool and the city bus service. These two municipal activities were about \$8,000 in the red in 1958 and are expected to lose an equal amount in 1959.

The council started to tackle the swimming pool problem in two directions. It is planned to raise admissions by at least ten cents in all categories. In addition, primarily at the suggestion of Councilmen Jim Smith and Ben Goldfaden, an across-the-board cut of \$2000 for pool operations was tentatively made. This would be applied at the discretion of the city manager and the recreation director and would probably mean some curtailing of the use of the pool.

Another \$2100 was cut out of the budget by not setting aside any funds for the replacement of items that cost less than \$500. All funds placed in the budget for the attendance of conferences by the city manager, council, and department heads have been taken out, although some of this may be put back. The total amount is \$1590. About \$1000 worth of materials and supplies was deleted from the roadways department by the manager.

Another economy move that the council plans to consider is to eliminate or reduce the city's part-time foot patrolmen, which it is felt are no longer essential to the city's needs. Although ideally the council would like to conjure up a budget without a tax raise, there is serious doubt that this can be accomplished. McDonald himself admitted that the 1958 tax rate was "wrong" or, in other words, too low to bring in sufficient revenue to meet the city's anticipated expenses.

The review of the budget by the city council will be completed in time for public hearing to be held on Monday, Dec. 15. The budget itself must be approved by the council no later than Dec. 20.

Junior Hi PTA Meets

The Greenbelt Junior High School PTA will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. in the school gym. The program will be devoted exclusively to the students and their faculty leaders, who have arranged the evening's entertainment. This year the Glee Club and the Band will share the program with the school orchestra. A play will be presented by the Tri Hi-Y. Refreshments will be served. The Future Homemakers of America will again display their Christmas novelties which can be purchased or ordered.

Annual Tree Lighting

The Eighth Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at Community Church this Sunday evening, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. The permanent Christmas tree on the Church lawn was given by the Senior High Department of the Church School, who conduct the Service every year, and who ask a revered member of the congregation, whose identity is not known until the moment of lighting, to turn the switch.

Following the ceremony on the Church lawn, it has been the custom for the Chancel Choir to give a Christmas Carol party for the entire congregation as the official ushering in of the Christmas season in Community Church.

It is expected that the Creche will be set up on the Church lawn this Saturday.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters Club of Greenbelt was represented at the recent District Convention of Toastmasters International held at Baltimore by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Keeney and Mr. Arthur Simms.

The convention featured an educational session followed by a Banquet and Humorous speech contest. The session emphasized the importance of constructive criticism in speech evaluation from the standpoint of both the speaker and the evaluator.

One of the highlights of the convention was a demonstration on how to conduct meetings and conferences.

GIFT WRAPPING CLASS

On Wednesday, Dec. 17 in the Social Room at 8:00 the Recreation Department will hold a Gift Wrapping Class under the supervision of Evelyn Boggs, our Arts and Crafts supervisor. Instructions will include fancy bows, wrapping, etc. Since we are holding the Clinic so close to Christmas you are invited to bring your packages with you and wrap them at the class. You must bring your own ribbon, seals, and paper. There is no fee for the class.

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Recreation Review

Men's Gym Night

Men's gym night will begin on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in the gym at Center School. The program this year will include a half hour period 8-8:30 p.m. of calisthenics. This will be for the weight conscious and waist conscious men. Time will be allotted for basketball, volley ball, tether ball, badminton, and table tennis.

Turkey Run Results

The Second Annual Turkey Run held on Thanksgiving Day was won by Robert Thorn of Bladensburg High. Thorn took an early lead and was never threatened. Thorn ran the fast time of 5:26 over the mile and an eighth course. Neil Vaughn of Greenbelt finished third.

In the Junior Division Richard Castaldi beat out Wally McElderry followed by Jorgensen and Ales-hire.

Summary

Senior Race—1. Robert Thorn (5:26), 2. Dave Annadale (6:00), 3. Neil Vaughn (6:03), 4. Eddie Raduazo, 5. Jack Schroeder, 6. Ronald Smith, 7. Bill Beall, 8. Jon McElderry, 9. Arnold Shadrick, 10. Mike Fleshman.

Junior Race—1. Richard Castaldi, 2. Wally McElderry, 3. Hans Jorgensen.

Film on Lourdes

On Sunday, Dec. 7, at St. Hugh's Auditorium, a Lourdes documentary sound film will be shown. This film is sponsored by the St. Hugh's Sodality. There will be two showings of the film on Sunday; one showing will be at 3 p.m.; and the other will be at 8 p.m.

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"Help Us Help Him"

This slogan appears on the Little Red Button which will be sold on Saturday, Dec. 6, in the Center by the American Legion Stepperettes sponsored by Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136. The drive was inaugurated shortly after W. W. II by the 40 & 8, fun and honor society of the American Legion. Starting in Baltimore it has now become an annual state-wide drive and this year Veterans Administration Hospital Mt. Alto, Washington, D. C. has been included in the Christmas Gifts Distribution.

Several groups of the "Stepperettes" will perform during the two and one half hour drive from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

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